ONGOING SURVEYS IN MADHYA PRADESH

Sl.	Name of the project	Length (Km.)
1.	New Line Shispar-Mhow	185
2.	New Line Khandwa to Nardana *via* Khargone, Sendhwa	225
3.	New Line Bhind-Orai-Harpalpur	210
4.	New Line Ramtek to Gotegaon *via* Khawasa, Seoni and Dhuma	240
5.	New Line Bilaspur to Jabalpur	372
6.	New Line Rajnandgaon-Jabalpur	300
7.	New Line Bisrampur-Jabalpur	372
8.	New Line Katangi-Tirodi	20
9.	New Line Dungarpur to Ratlam *via* Banswara	200
10.	Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nainpur	140
11.	Gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur	150
12.	Gauge conversion of Pulgaon-Arvi GC with exten. to Amla	154
13.	Doubling of Ujjain-Indore	80

Failure of Chain Pulling System

1143. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Passengers force train to reverse after man falls off" published in the Hindustan Times dated 10th July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Mussoorie Express was hijacked and passengers forced the driver to run it back to pick up one of their fellow passengers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether chain pulling system in the train was ineffective, leading to passengers forcing the driver to run the train backwards; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken by the railways to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The train was hijacked in the technical sense. On 9.7.2002, at about 0345 hours, about 100 passengers of 4042 Dn. Mussoorie Express entered the office of the ASM, Mandi Dhanaura and asked him to back the train to Bagarpur to pick up one of their co-passengers who had fallen down from the train. As the train crew resisted their demand, they manhandled and forced them to take to train back. The route was set and the train was taken back at a slow speed. The passenger in question was picked up from Chandpursiau. In this connection, 17 persons were arrested and a case *vide* Crime No. NIL/ 2002 u/s 145, 146, 153, 174 Railways Act, 147, 332, 504, 506, 427 IPC and 7 Criminal Law Amendment Act was registered against them by GRP-Gajraula.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The system was checked at Hapur and found in working condition. Railway employees incharge of the Station have instructions to inform the Police authorities about such incidents.

Kumarghat-Agartala rail line

1144. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work of Railway construction from Kumarghat to Agartala would start and be completed.

(b) whether work is running as per the time schedule; and

(c) whether the work would be finished as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The work of Kumarghat-Agartala new line is already in progress. Kumarghat-Manu is targeted for completion during 2002-2003. No target for the whole project has yet been fixed. The line would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.